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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Omar Flores-Sánchez

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,6-23,35 and 36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-17,20 and 21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4 and 6 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,18,19,22,35 and 36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 23 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to applicant's amendment received on 06/20/05 and the remarks received on 7/26/05. Also, the amendment has being entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 18, 19, 22, 35 and 36 and are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Essick (6,491,073 B1).

Regarding claim 1, Essick discloses (Fig. 1-9) the invention including a body 120, a center leg 110 having a leg work piece-contacting surface, first and second tunnels (Fig. 2), a first leg 140 having a first leg work piece-contacting surface 170, non-slip surfaces (the bottom surface of the three legs), a second leg 140 having a second leg work piece-contacting surface 170 (the right leg on Fig. 1-2) and a handle 115. Regarding claims 18, 19 and 22, Essick shows in addition to what is stated above regarding claim 1, a structure 120, a flat surface (see Fig. 1-2, the side end of the structure 120), tunnels (see Fig. 2), means 116 for adjusting the width of the tunnel and co-planar work piece contacting surfaces (Fig. 2). Regarding claim 35, wherein at least one of the first, second and center legs is removeably attached to the body (see Fig. 4). Regarding claim

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36, wherein the width of the legs are different (see Fig. 2). Essick's device is capable of passing a saw device through the tunnel.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2, 4 and 6 are allowed.
5. Claim 23 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments, filed on 6/20/05 and 7/26/05, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 18 under a 102 rejection have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Essick (6,491,073 B1).

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. England, Joslin and Jennings are cited to show related device.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Omar Flores-Sánchez whose telephone number is 571-272-4507. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan Shoap can be reached on 571-272-4514. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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